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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 880**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**  
(Coauthor: Senator Hall)

February 26, 2015

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An act to add Section 1626.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 880, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Dentistry: licensure: exemption.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California, and prohibits the practice of dentistry by any person without a valid license, except in certain circumstances.

This bill would additionally exempt from that prohibition the practice of dentistry, as specified and as approved by the board, by a final year student, as defined, without compensation or expectation of compensation and under the supervision of a licensed dentist with a faculty appointment at a sponsored event, as defined, if specified conditions are met. This bill would require the administering sponsoring entity of the sponsored event to provide the Dental Board of California with a list of the names of the students practicing dentistry exempted

pursuant to this bill at the sponsored event, the name of the school of enrollment of those students, and the name and license number of the supervising licensed dentist.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1626.6 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 1626.6. (a) (1) In addition to the exemptions set forth in
- 4 Section 1626, the practice of dentistry by a final year student
- 5 rendered or performed without compensation or expectation of
- 6 compensation under the supervision of a licensed dentist with a
- 7 faculty appointment at a sponsored event, is exempt from the
- 8 operation of this chapter.
- 9 (2) The practice of dentistry exempted by paragraph (1) only
- 10 includes those operations, approved by the board, that are rendered
- 11 or performed under the same conditions as operations exempt
- 12 under subdivision (b) of Section 1626.
- 13 (b) For purposes of this section, all of the following shall apply:
- 14 (1) "Final year student" means a student of dentistry in his or
- 15 her final year of completion at a dental school approved by the
- 16 board. "Final year student" also includes a dental student enrolled
- 17 in an advanced program.
- 18 (2) "Licensed dentist" means a dentist licensed pursuant to this
- 19 chapter.
- 20 (3) "Sponsored event" means an event, not to exceed 10 calendar
- 21 days, administered by a sponsoring entity or a local governmental
- 22 entity, or both, through which health care is provided to the public
- 23 without compensation, or expectation of compensation.
- 24 (4) "Sponsoring entity" means a nonprofit organization pursuant
- 25 to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a
- 26 community-based organization.
- 27 (c) The volunteer practice of dentistry by students pursuant to
- 28 this section shall comply with all of the following requirements:
- 29 (1) Each patient shall be sufficiently informed that a dental
- 30 student may be providing some of the treatment that he or she will
- 31 be receiving.

1 (2) Any information provided to the patient to give informed  
2 consent shall offer the patient the option to decline to be treated  
3 by the student.

4 (3) The volunteer practice of a student shall be supervised by  
5 faculty from the dental school in which the student is enrolled.

6 (4) Each volunteer student shall wear an identification badge  
7 that clearly identifies the student as a dental student. The  
8 identification badge shall display the student's name, the name of  
9 the student's dental school, and the name and the telephone number  
10 of the Dental Board of California. That information shall be  
11 displayed in 14-point font, at minimum.

12 (5) Supervision ratios and student oversight shall be at least as  
13 stringent as required to meet the standards of the Commission on  
14 Dental Accreditation at each school's clinical department,  
15 laboratory, or dental extension program operated pursuant to  
16 subdivision (b) of Section 1626.

17 (6) Supervision ratios shall be appropriate for the procedure  
18 being performed by the student.

19 (7) The student shall perform only those procedures in which  
20 he or she is credentialed or those procedures he or she is permitted  
21 to perform in the school's clinical department, laboratory, or dental  
22 extension program operated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section  
23 1626.

24 (d) ~~The administering~~ *sponsoring* entity of the sponsored event  
25 shall provide the Dental Board of California with a list of the names  
26 of the students practicing dentistry exempted by this section at the  
27 sponsored event, the name of the school of enrollment of those  
28 students, and the name and license number of the supervising  
29 licensed dentist.